

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
North Western	—	7	—	10	—	—	17
Southern	—	4	—	11	—	1	16
South Central	2	2	—	5	1	—	10
South Eastern	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
Western	1	4	—	9	—	—	14
Konkan	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
East Coast	—	8	—	3	—	—	11
South Western	—	8	—	4	—	—	12
West Central	—	4	—	1	—	—	5
North Central	2	4	—	3	1	2	12
South East Central	—	5	—	3	—	—	8
TOTAL:	8	96	7	72	4	8	195

(b) All possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. These measures include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. As a result, there has been a decline in the number of accidents from 234 in 2004-05 to 195 in 2006-07.

Quality of food supplied in trains and stations

3305. SHRI PR. RAJAN:

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has initiated any exercise on audit of food safety standards in its base kitchens and pantry cars;

(b) if so, whether this food safety standards in its base kitchens and pantry cars;

(c) whether the Railways has any plans to train its kitchen and food service staff on running trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has initiated an exercise on audit of food safety standards in its base kitchens and pantry cars. The food safety audit is also done for stalls on railway platforms, kiosks and food plaza joints.

(c) and (d) Imparting training to the catering staff is an on-going process. IRCTC is conducting training programmes regularly for both departmental as well as private licencees' staff working in kitchens and on running trains through reputed agencies viz. India Tourism Development Corporation and Training Institute of Railways at Kishan Ganj.

Basic facilities at freight terminals

3306. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are going to develop basic facilities at those freight terminals where more than 15 rakes per month are handled;

(b) if so, in how many terminals such facilities would be provided along with the names of the terminals;

(c) what types of facilities would be provided; and

(d) what would be the estimated cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Railway Budget for 2007-08 includes 43 new proposals for developing 48 freight terminals over Indian Railways out of which 16 freight terminals were handling more than 15 rakes per month. These 16 freight terminals are Ahmednagar, New Mulund, Balabgarh, Gonda, Barbil, Noamundi, Lakshmibai Nagar, Saharsa, Danapur, Sukinda Road, Yamuna Bridge, Sanvaram, Sankaval, Gosalpur, Mandideep and Mandi Govind Garh.

(c) A Statement is attached giving the types of facilities which will be provided at these freight terminals (see below).

(d) The total cost for the improvements in the 16 freight terminals are approximately Rs. 57.58 crores.